



*First Sunday after Christmas
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
January 1, 2023*

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New Year's Day Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

"Trumpet Tune and March" by Jeremiah Clarke
James Cesare, trumpet soloist

*Please stand if you wish and join in this morning's Call to
Worship*

Call to Worship from *Honey from the Rock*

by Lawrence Kushner

**Open doors to holiness are everywhere.
The possibility of assent [to God] is all the time.
Even at unlikely times
and through unlikely places.
There is no place on earth
without the Presence [of God].**

Please remain standing, if you wish and join in singing
"Arise, Shine" #68 in your Sing! Prayer and Praise
Hymnal

Hymn **"Arise, Shine"** Sing! Prayer and Praise #68

Please be seated and join in praying this morning's
Unison Prayer

Unison Prayer Adapted from
With Open Hands by Henri J. M. Nouwen

Dear God,
Speak gently in our silence.
When the loud outer noises of our surroundings
and the loud inner noises of our fears
keep pulling us away from you,
help us trust that you are still there
even when we are unable to hear you.
Give us ears to listen to your small, soft voice saying:
“Come to me, you who are overburdened,
and I will give you rest...
for I am gentle and humble of heart.”
Let that loving voice be our guide
Amen.

*Please rise if you wish and join in this morning's Passing
of the Peace*

Passing of Christ's Peace

We know God is with us; we hold the greatest of commandments to love as a practice, a way of life. And, with the greeting of the one who promises "peace" beyond all understanding, from our minds, our hearts and our souls we say: "May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you!"

And also with you. Friends, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please remain standing, if you wish and join in singing "In the Midst of New Dimensions" #391 in your New Century Hymnal vs. 1, 3, 5

Hymn "In the Midst of New Dimensions"
New Century Hymnal #391 v. 1, 3, 5

Please be seated

First Reading Isaiah 63:7-9

I will tell you of YHWH's unfailing love, and sing the praises of YHWH for all that YHWH did for us—the many good things done for the house of Israel, which God did with motherly compassion and many kindnesses. For YHWH said, "Truly these are my people, children who will not be false to me"—and so God became their Liberator. In all their distress, O God, you were distressed, and the angel of your Presence saved them; you redeemed them out of deep love and profound mercy; you lifted them up and carried them from time immemorial.

Please remain seated

The Chancel Choir

"Love Grows Here" Words and Music by Don Besig

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day. And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne,

“Look! God’s Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God’s people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen.”

The one who sat on the throne said, “Look! I’m making everything new!” and added, “Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true.” And that One continued, “It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Of those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life.”

Homily

Please remain seated

The Chancel Choir
Emmanuel

“There’s A Star” from

Joys and Concerns

Please respond, **“God, hear our prayers.”**

The Prayer of Jesus – “The Lord’s Prayer”

Creator God who is in heaven; Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done; on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Please stand if you wish and join in singing “Come to the Table of Grace” in your Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal #112

Hymn “Come to the Table of Grace”

Sing! Prayer and Praise #112

Please be seated.

Invitation to the Table for Communion

(Modified from “If We Break Bread” by Joseph H. Gilmore)

If we break bread, take bread and eat it,
but do not *become bread* for others, for the world,
what have we done?

In the grateful hands of Jesus, on that night before he
died,
the fields of God – cultivated, seeded, tended and
harvested
by a particular farmer – were not forgotten.

In the grateful hands of Jesus, the cup of wine
called up all the glorious things earth and light and
water
can do.

And, on the night before he died, surrounded by those he loved and trusted, he surely remembered these things and more – yet to be known.

As he took the bread for that meal and the world, Jesus blessed it, gave it to those gathered and said:

“This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then, after a while, seeing deeply into the the cup he held,

Jesus lifted the cup - the earth, its light, water and all creation saying:

“This cup is the new covenant that courses through my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

In so doing, Jesus glorified God’s Love through his. As we come to this table – the same one, really – may we now do the same.

Sharing of the Elements: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Servers' Communion Responses:

The Bread of Life ~ The Cup of Blessing

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

We thank you for arms full of life, hearts full of hope, eyes full of wonder. We hold our hands open to receive those you send to us. Our feet are ready to dance with the world, teaching and learning as we go. With minds hungry for what you will reveal and knees willing to honor the mystery, we come to you – in these things and more – in this New Year and always, especially, in remembrance of you. Amen.

Please rise if you wish and join us in singing “Go Tell It on the Mountain” in your New Century Hymnal #154

***Hymn** “Go Tell It on the Mountain” New Century Hymnal #154

Please be seated

Benediction

Please rise and join us in singing...

Church Covenant

**In response to God's love,
we covenant with each other...
to be faithful to the demands
and inspiration of the eternal spirit,
revealed in the event of Jesus Christ;
to accept and respect each other
with love and concern
in our worship and witness;
to reach out with the courage
of our convictions
in the cause of justice,
liberation, and equality for all.
In this, we covenant to keep the
ultimate promise: "I care, I am with you."**

Please be seated

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude "Auld Lang Syne" Traditional
Words by Robert Burns



Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ

For more nearly 175 years, Sayville's Congregational Church has served families on the South Shore of Long Island and has been a voice for the progressive Protestant tradition. A member of the United Church of Christ since it was established in 1957, celebrate God's love, however you may know God, by our continuing to advocate for the oppressed, while welcoming all on their spiritual journey, from wherever they may come. Thank you for being with us today. Please contact us at any time for more information about our congregation and questions you may have.

Thank you!

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channel at

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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. Shanti. For the ways of peace
are many. "Namaste"



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May the Joy be your gift at Christmas and
may Faith, Hope and Love be your
treasures in the New Year.

IN HONOR OF:

Abigail and Olivia Linsner
Pastor Raymond Bagnuolo

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IN CELEBRATION OF:

Families – Ryans, Chiappinos, Mullers
and especially our church family

